



## GAME NOTES

Vernon Vipers  
at  
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday September 16, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (2-0-0-0, tied-2nd Place Interior Div.) face the Vernon Vipers (3-0-0-0, 1st Place, Interior Div.) in the 2017-18 Home Opener for the Wild.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** It's the first of 6 meetings this season between the two clubs. Wenatchee has gone 5-0-1 against the Vipers all-time, including winning the last 4 in a row.

**WHO TO WATCH FOR:** Lucas Sowder leads the Wild with 5 points (3g, 2a) followed by defensemen Chad Sasaki (1g, 3a) and Cooper Zech (0g, 3a). Goalies Jacob Acton and Seth Eisele have each played once, earning wins. For Vernon, they are led by Jimmy Lambert with 6 points (2g, 4a), Brett Stapely (2g, 3a), and Jesse Lansdell (2g, 2a). Defenseman Jack Judson is a multi-point player (1g, 1a). Ty Taylor and Anthony Yamnitsky figure to share goaltending duties.

**HOME COOKIN':** Wenatchee is riding a 35-game point streak at home dating back to their first season in the BCHL. The Wild are 31-0-3-1 dating back to Jan. 23, 2016.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** The Wild are 4/9 on the power play this season, at 44.4%, while Vernon is 2/9 (22.2%). The Wild are a perfect 5/5 on the penalty kill, and the Vipers have killed off 10 of 13 (76.9%).

**LAST WEEK:** Wenatchee posted a come-from-behind 5-3 win on the road at Merritt, while Vernon took both ends of a home-and-home series with Salmon Arm.

**LAST NIGHT:** The Wild snuffed the Trail Smoke Eaters 3-2 in double overtime on the road, while Vernon posted a 2-0 win, also on the road, at Merritt.

**MOVING ON:** Next weekend is the BCHL Showcase Tournament in Chilliwack. Wenatchee will face Nanaimo on Saturday and Langley on Sunday, while the Vipers meet Alberni Valley and Powell River on Thursday and Friday.

**MEDIA:** Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs at 6:45 pm.

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight's Home Opener is presented by Town Toyota, and "Magnet Schedule Night" courtesy of AG Supply.

**NEXT HOME GAME:** Friday Sept. 29 vs Cowichan Valley Capitals, 7:05 pm